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Capacity-building Knowledge to Action Day

Asia-Pacific Climate Week (APCW) | 02 September 2019

Strengthening engagement of universities and research institutions in building capacity for the preparation and implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and for raising ambition in climate action

Background

Even when there is a great variety of institutional arrangements for climate change mitigation and adaptation in every country, the continuous participation of local, national and regional stakeholders, including research institutions and universities is considered crucial to enhance climate action and ambition. The lack of engagement of and insufficient coordination among these relevant actors is a recurring issue in discussions on capacity-building within the UNFCCC process. It is necessary to find better ways to mobilize local and policy relevant knowledge to address climate change issues and to make informed decisions.

universities and research institutions in developing countries, including the least developed countries, have a central role to play in the preparation and implementation of NAPs and NDCs, however it will be important for them to think across boundaries such as geographic, disciplinary, and topic-based, to close the gap between knowledge and action. While universities in developing countries are already building local capacities, promoting **South-South and South-North knowledge sharing** among universities and including relevant stakeholders involved in the design and implementation of NAPs and NDCs could yield great benefits.



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Partners

The Organizing partners of Capacity-building Knowledge to Action Day in Asia-Pacific depict a rich diversity of committed international institutions that are working in the region, aimed at raising climate ambition through collective efforts, action, and exchange of knowledge. This event aims to encourage regional dialogue and mobilize expertise for the more effective preparation and implementation of NAPs and NDCs, by identifying and connecting partners to explore the cross-sectoral synergies and foster lasting impacts through effective climate action and increasing climate ambition at a regional, national and local level.

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- UN environment**: United Nations Environment Programme logo.
- UN ESCAP**: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific logo.
- ASIA-PACIFIC CLIMATE WEEK**: Event logo with dates 2-6 September 2019.
- United Nations Climate Change Paris Committee on Capacity-building**: Logo of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building.
- SEI Stockholm Environment Institute**: Logo of the Stockholm Environment Institute.
- ICCCAD International Centre for Climate Change and Development**: Logo of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development.
- LUCCC Least Developed Countries Universities Consortium on Climate Change**: Logo of the Least Developed Countries Universities Consortium on Climate Change.
- IISD**: International Institute for Sustainable Development logo.
- UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY**: Logo of the United Nations University.
- UNU-EHS Institute for Environment and Human Security**: Logo of the Institute for Environment and Human Security.
- NDC PARTNERSHIP**: Logo for the National Determined Contributions Partnership.
- NAP Global Network**: Logo for the National Adaptation Plans Global Network.



Objectives

The PCCB, NAP Global Network, NDC Partnership, ICCCAD, LUCCC, SEI, UNESCAP, UN Environment, UNU-EHS and the UN Climate Change are organizing a full day workshop during the Asia-Pacific Climate Week, where universities and research institutions will have the opportunity to exchange views and experiences on addressing capacity-building gaps and needs, with relevant stakeholders involved in the preparation and implementation of NAPs and NDCs with a view to accelerating climate action and ambition.

The main rationale for this cooperation is to provide a space where universities and research institutions will be able to interact and exchange experiences with the relevant stakeholders involved in building capacity for the design and implementation of NAPs and NDCs, thereby creating momentum towards the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019. More particularly the regional workshop aims to:

- Increase the understanding of capacity-building gaps and needs of developing countries when it comes to boosting ambition and accelerating action to prepare and implement NDCs and NAPs and of the role local and national universities and research institutions can play in building and retaining the required capacity;
- Foster a dialogue and facilitate the sharing of experiences and good practices related to effective collaboration among universities and research institutions, governments and the private sector for designing and providing tools, guidance, platforms, and advisory support aimed at strengthening capacity for preparing and/or implementing NAPs and NDCs;
- Encourage a discussion on how to interpret and match knowledge needs when enhancing implementation and increasing ambition of NDCs and NAPs, aiming to translate these into researchable questions
- Jointly prioritize the capacity-building gaps with a view to discussing and identifying ways to build the capacity of universities/research institutions and governments to collaborate and bridge these gaps.

Way Forward

During COP25, the results from the workshops in Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week (LACCW) and the Asia-Pacific Climate Week (APCW) will be presented at the 2nd Capacity-Building Hub, hosted by the PCCB, opening a space to discuss and brainstorm with other stakeholders and actors on the next steps. A third workshop is envisaged to be organized during the Africa Climate Week in 2020.

The outcomes and recommendations of each workshop will be synthesized in a Discussion Paper/Policy Brief which will be developed by all the partners and launched in 2020 (subject to the availability of resources).



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Agenda

Time	Description of the session	Facilitation
8:30-9:00		REGISTRATION
9:00-9:15		Welcoming remarks
9:15-9:30	High-level champion Special address Tomasz Chruszczow, Special Envoy for Climate Change from the Ministry of Environment in Poland	
09:30-10:30	Session 1: Identifying developing countries' capacity-building gaps and needs related to the preparation and implementation of NAPs and NDCs	Facilitation by organizing partners
10:30-10:45		COFFEE BREAK
10:45-11:30		Results-Session 1
11:30-12:30	Session 2: Bridging capacity-building gaps and needs: the role of local, national and regional universities and research institutions	Facilitation by organizing partners
12:30-13:30		LUNCH
13:30-14:15		Results-Session 2
14:15-15:15	Session 3: Next steps: Identifying response actions to collaborate and bridge capacity-building gaps and needs at a regional level	Facilitation by organizing partners
15:15-15:30		COFFEE BREAK
15:30-16:15		Results-Session 3
16:15-17:15	<p>Panel discussion: Fostering effective collaboration between universities and national research institutions with national/regional stakeholders: lessons learned"</p> <p>Moderator: Arianna Flores Corral Capacity-building Fellow, UN Climate Change</p>	<p>'Strengthening engagement of academia in capacity-building for climate action: the work of the PCCB' Marzena Anna Chodor Co-chair of the PCCB</p> <p>'Capacity Building to address Climate Change: A Fresh Approach' Mizan R. Khan Programme Director, LUCCC</p> <p>'From modeling science to climate services for health: development of dengue early warning system in Jakarta, Indonesia' Ardhasena Sopaheluwakan WMO</p> <p>'Co-production of knowledge for joint solutions on climate change adaptation in the Lancang-Mekong Region' Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa SEI</p> <p>'Fostering Climate Action in the Hindu Kush Himalaya: ICIMOD's engagements for climate action through institutional capacity building in the Region' Dhrupad Choudhury ICIMOD</p> <p>'Universities for the Implementation of NDCs, UN SDGs and Global Climate Action' Supriya Dharkar UNU-EHS</p>
17:15-18:00	Closing remarks and next steps Youssef Nassef, Director of Adaptation Unit, UN Climate Change	

